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Hello!

My name is Brandon Flory and I am currently a full time student at UW Marathon County with hopes of transferring to UW La Crosse eventually. I have grown up in the Wausau area my entire life and it has its perks and its downsides. The one thing that hits home here is all my loving family and friends that are always there for me!

I spend most of my personal time doing a variety of things. Whether that be going out to lunch with friends, trying to stay active or fueling my shopping addiction. I'm always looking for a reason to get out and experience new things that is when I am able to take time away from my studies. This year I am trying to be more active and enjoy all the things life has!

I enjoy working at Marathon Residential Counseling services. I'm excited to go on some new adventures and cool activities with everyone.



Vacancy Announcements

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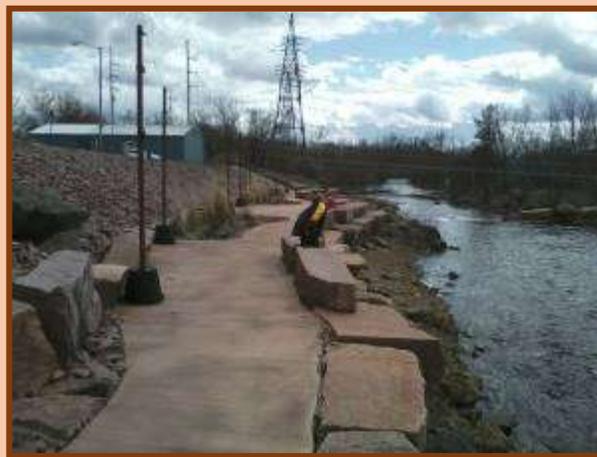
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Hamilton House Newsletter May

May has been an exciting month for everyone at Hamilton house. **Heather** was very excited to find out that she qualified for state for swimming! She was happy to see that all her practicing has paid off. Everyone is extremely excited for her and ready to cheer her on. She also celebrated her birthday this past month. She had a party at Hamilton House and invited her friends over from Prospect Place, Reynolds Place and 7th Street Suites. Everyone got to watch movies, eat cake and ice cream and hang out. Heather has also been giving some thought to doing some volunteering at the library in her spare time. Way to go Heather!

Sean has had a pretty exciting time this month. He also had a birthday and celebrated with a big cook out at the house with all of his friends! Everyone played games, shot some hoops outside and had some yummy burgers and brats! Sean also worked hard playing soccer. He attended his last soccer game of the season. Unfortunately they didn't make it on to state, but we are so proud of him anyway. Sean also has been taking steps at working on getting his GED. He has been taking classes at the NTC. He has been diligent in bringing homework home and working on it. We could not be more proud!

Val has been working her butt off at her job! She has been going to work every day and is always happy to tell everyone about her day. Way to go Val! She has also talked about giving some of her time for volunteering. Val spent time with family and the rest of the time, she has been having a blast hanging out with her housemates and friends, going on picnics, and going to the park or YMCA.



Jeff has been working hard on going to work every day too. He enjoyed the warmer temperatures and being able to get out and enjoy those beautiful days walking around town. He also enjoyed being able to go down to Oak Island with all his housemates and enjoy the beautiful water!

Everyone loves the warm weather days and enjoys soaking up a little sun whenever possible! We all went down to Oak Island and walked the trails and played some Frisbee and lawn darts. Sean was itching to start working on a garden in the back yard and started setting it all up. He did a great job cleaning it out and getting it ready. Heather planted her roses and flower seeds in the garden to help brighten up the back yard and bring some of nature's beauty to it.

May Newsletter- Prospect Place

Well summer is finally here and for **Prospect Place** this means fun in the sun! The house has been busy with outdoor activities such as biking, walking, and the wonderful sport of fishing. Lee even caught a turtle! Although **Rachel** is not a fan of fishing she loves to come along and work on her summer tan. The house has been busy with Special Olympics sports as well. Our very own **Justin** has made it to state soccer. The plans are in motion as the tournament is a two day event. Justin is very excited! **Scott** participated in track and enjoyed being outside to soak in the sun.

Over the past month **Lee** has been working on getting a new job, he is looking to expand to bigger and better things! Lee's hope is to get a job out in the community and make some extra cash for his fun activities. Lee has been enjoying his free time riding his bike and occasionally buying himself a cool treat while out. Lee has been expanding his toy car collection one at a time and relishes every new addition.

Scott has been spending his time helping out around the house. Scott has mowed the yard and washed the van on a few different occasions. It seems that most of the time Scott and Lee need to play rock, paper, scissors to see who gets to mow the yard, as they both enjoy it. We must be lucky it grows so fast! Scott's goal this past month was to build up his muscles. His hard work paid off! He has gained some weight and has his sights set on getting even more buff for summer! Keep up the good work! Scott is still enjoying his new NASCAR video game and is excited with every level that he beats. We have our own master driver here at Prospect!



Rachel has been settling in and changing up her summer gear. Finally no more jackets! Rachel enjoyed visiting friends and chatting with everyone. Everyday Rachel is out there making some new friends. On the work side Rachel has her sights on getting a job to make some extra dough. She can't wait to get out there to put her best foot forward. Rachel participated in Special Olympics soccer this year. Although her team didn't make it to state, she made some friends in the process. Go Rachel! Rachel can't wait to participate in swimming when it rolls around again, in the mean time she will sport her new swimming suit at the YMCA.

Justin has been very busy this past month. Besides participating in soccer, he also plays a strong role in his church group, Thrive. Justin has been waiting for the group to start back up ever since they were working on renovations. Justin is definitely the social butterfly when it comes to being involved in activities. He sang his heart out while out at karaoke on a few different occasions. Justin's "Gone Country!" He still enjoys work and does his best every day! Good job Justin!



We are pretty excited to be planning some future summer events, a big one that we have in mind is going to a **Brewers game!** There a lot of fans here at Prospect and we are ready to show our support! Go Brewers!

Newsletter – Reynolds June 2014

Dinner on the Go

This Memorial Day at MRCS we tried something different than the traditional BBQ festivities. We had what is called a **Progressive Dinner**. Each house hosted a part of the dinner (appetizer, salad, entrée, and dessert). With each part of the meal there was also an activity. All of the guests for the meal would travel from house to house to eat a part of the meal and take part in the activity.



Prospect Place started it out with BBQ smokies and meatballs. Their activity was a water balloon toss. If this activity does not say summer, I do not know what does. All water balloons were destroyed and several contestants reported that they got wet.

Hamilton House was next with tossed salad. The activity was making house banners. Each house broke up into teams to make their house proud. Memorial Day and what it means was the theme.

Next on the list was **Reynolds Place**. Here BBQ chicken sandwiches were served. After eating everyone was invited to draw with sidewalk chalk and make a picture celebrating Memorial Day. We have some great artists. It was a very colorful event.



The last stop was **7th Street Suites**. Here was served delicious red, white, and blue cupcakes. They ran a relay race that helped everyone work off all the great food. It turned out to be a great weather for this activity and all reported a fun afternoon.

Summer Time Fun Starting

Todd had an additional activity during the Memorial Day Weekend. He took some time out to enjoy the parade in Wausau. Nothing says the start of summer like a parade. This is the perfect activity for Todd because he loves being social and around people. He had a wonderful time.

Another summer time activity is local carnivals. Todd joined everyone at Hamilton House for the carnival that came to Shopko Plaza in Rothschild. He enjoyed the rides and now is talking about the fair coming this summer. He is always looking for the next fun thing to do. He also thought the food was pretty good as well. Who does not like carnival food?



GOING TO STATE!!!

Soccer is still going on because **Curtus and Zach** are going to the state finals with their team! Hurray for them. In the beginning of the month they attended a tournament in Green Bay. They won a game and lost another. Their efforts paid

off and they were invited to play in the Summer State Games in June. This will be taking place in Stevens Point. They are so looking forward to this opportunity and we are all proud of them. Way to go guys.

News From 7th Street Suites

Brewer Game

Kevin, Terra, Mike P and Tammy were lucky enough to see the Brew Crew take on the Diamond Backs at Miller Park with Jenn. They all enjoyed the ride down and the cook out was a great success. They spent some time looking at different statues in the stadium and Mike P was very excited when he was able to find the Bob Uecker statue first. Everyone was active in many of the activities at Miller Park including guessing the attendance and taking bets on which sausage was going to win the Sausage Race. In the end Cinco the Chorizo sausage won the race which was fitting since it was Cinco de Mayo. In the end, the Brewers pulled out an 8-3 win. Everyone had a great time and we are already talking about going back next year.





Shopko Carnival

Mike S and Matt spent about an hour at the annual carnival by the Shopko Plaza. Mike rode on the Ferris Wheel, the pirate ship, and the Tilt-a-whirl twice. Matt did not go on any rides and enjoyed the time talking and people watching. Mike admitted that the Ferris wheel was very high up at the top.

Garage sales

It's that time of year again, garage sales!

Amanda, Crystal, and Shawn took off to

Mosinee to explore their community garage sales. The group found awesome deals and were even bargaining their way to even better deals! The best bargain of the day was Shawn getting a free hat and sweatshirt from one garage sale. Great bargaining skills Shawn!

Play in Stevens Point

Once again, we want to thank Central Wisconsin Community Theater for sending us tickets to see a preview at The Theater @ 1800, in Stevens Point. We were able to see the play *You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running* which is a collection of four unrelated one-act comedy plays by Robert Anderson. Those in attendance were **Jeff, Amanda, Mike P and Kevin from Seventh Street**. They all preferred seeing four "mini" plays versus one longer play.

Terrance's Birthday Party



Terrance's birthday party was a big hit! **Shawn, Mike P, Amanda, Tammy, and many others** were able to enjoy a delicious homemade meal outside in the sunny (almost summer) weather. Terrance grilled up many hamburgers and hotdogs for everyone to enjoy along with many other side dishes. After everyone was stuffed, Terrance roasted jumbo marshmallows over the grill for everyone to smosh between two yummy chocolate chip

cookies. Everyone had a wonderful time socializing and enjoying the spectacular weather. Thanks Terrance!

Yard work

Throughout the month of May, we spent time cleaning up the yards. Everyone was eager to pitch in and help out including **Crystal, Terra, Mike P., Terrance, Mike S., Shawn, Kevin and Matt**. At the end of the month, after getting the flower beds raked out, I think we are about ready to start some planting. Also Jennifer has been working hard to prepare a spot in the yard for a vegetable garden.

Amanda's Ice cream/ good bye party

With the end of May coming up, it not only means that we are heading into a new month, but it also means we are saying **a farewell to Amanda**. Amanda is going to be moving to Georgia with her mom this summer. She is very excited about taking this next step in her life and a group attended her ice cream party good bye. Many attended the gathering to wish Amanda luck in her new adventure.

Mother's Day craft



Mother's day is a special day to show your mother how much you really love them, even though we all show our moms this every day, right? What better way than to make them a homemade gift, right from the heart? all got together before Mother's Day and made a

homemade vase for their moms along with some tissue paper flowers. Everyone was able to be crafty and make a great gift for their mothers to show they love and appreciate them. The vases and flowers turned out great and their mothers loved the heartwarming gift!

